

Conclusion

Claims 21-49 have been amended to further clarify the recited gain control. Claim 1-59 remain pending. Currently, no claims have been withdrawn based on the election of Embodiment 1 identified by the Examiner as being drawn to Figure 1.

The Applicant respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney ((612) 373-6960) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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